GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NATURAL GAS FOUND IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) had discovered natural gas in Telgaria-Parbatpur basin in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the quantum of natural gas discovered and total estimated cost spent by the ONGC therein with present status of Project;

(c) whether commission of Telgaria-Parbatpur basin is constantly delayed by ONGC; and

(d) if so, the details with approximate date of commissioning and steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), by its initial exploration work and drilling of four wells, has established Coal Bed Methane (CBM) gas in an area of 6 sq. km. in CBM Block in Central Parbatput, Jharia, Jharkhand.

(b) As on 1.4.2006, the quantum of estimated CBM - in place, established in an area of 6 sq. km. in Central Parbatput, Jharia CBM Block in Jharkhand is about 9.19 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM).

For commencement of CBM production from this area, a project involving drilling of 14 horizontal multilateral wells and establishing a Gas Collecting Station (GCS) has been awarded to the consortium led by M/s Express Drilling Systems of USA at a cost of approximately Rs.550 crores on 19.5.2006. The work is yet to commence due to delay in acquisition of the identified land for drill sites and GCS.

(c) No, Sir. However, there has been severe land acquisition problem in the area. Further award of a coal mining block over-lapping CBM Block of ONGC by Ministry of Coal to M/s Electro-steel Castings Limited is causing some delay.

(d) ONGC is presently making all out efforts to acquire the land and significant progress has already been made.